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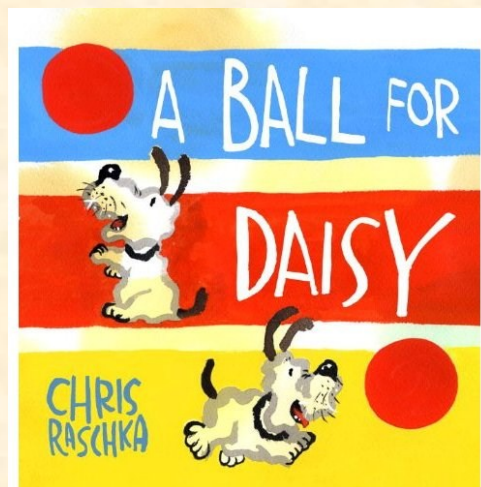
SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, Administrator

Well, 'tis the season when the weather turns cold and the north wind blows, a librarian's paradise. What could make it more perfect for snuggling in with a good read and your favorite librarian drink and holiday munchies? Now, admit it, aren't you feeling better about the official start of winter in Nebraska – in fact, perhaps a bit gleeful?

The advent of winter also heralds a season of booklists touting the best of genres, or the best of the past year, along with fabulous lists of award winning books. That makes for a perfect pairing of a good book and cold winter's day. The only downside as I see it is that my list of things to read grows by leaps and bounds, and my ability to pay attention to other lists diminishes significantly. So, here's just a snapshot of a variety of reading lists that have caught my attention this past week:

- I'm going to start with a local favorite – Vicki Wood, the Youth Services Supervisor at Lincoln City Libraries. Every year Vicki puts together a list of Great Books to Give as Gifts starting with titles for kids and moving up through selections for adults. A sampling that got my attention included: *A Ball for Daisy* by Christopher Raschka – a wordless picture book; *Smithsonian Natural History: The Ultimate Visual Guide to Everything on Earth* edited by Becky Alexander, a nonfiction title, and then one in the list for grownups titled, *You Are Not So*



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Southeast Library System Front Porch Award Application

The Front Porch Award is presented to a library (academic, institutional, public or school) that displays ingenuity in creating an atmosphere that welcomes patrons to their facility. This award and \$100 will be presented during National Library Week, April 8-14, 2012. Non-accredited libraries are welcome to apply.

Enclose the following with your nomination:

Name of Library:

Name of Individual submitting the application:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

- In 250 words or less, state why your library deserves this award.
- Information about activities/programs you have developed for your library.
- Two letters of recommendation from any library supporter.
- Any other information that shows your library deserves this award.

Nominations must be submitted to:

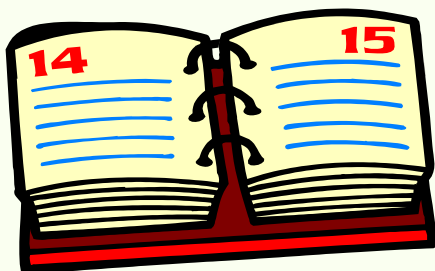
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Application deadline is March 1, 2012



CALENDAR

January 2011

January 11th – OverDrive Tips & Tricks (Online) from 2:00 to 3:30. To register and find more information go to the Nebraska Library Commission Calendar at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/calendar/.

January 13th – CASTL Meeting at Geneva Public Library – meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We'll discuss Library Annual Reports. For this month's book discussion please book talk a favorite cozy read of your choice. There will also be a round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

January 9th – 20th – Basic Skills – The Community and the Library. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html.

January 20th – 24th – ALA Midwinter in Dallas.

January 30th – February 10th – Basic Skills – Library Services to Children & Youth. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html.

February 1st – Celebrate Digital Learning Day – Teachers, librarians, school leaders, afterschool programs, community groups, and parents are asked to sign-up and be counted in celebrating Digital Learning Day. Start a conversation about the use of technology in teaching, try a new thing, or showcase a success. You can find more information on the website: www.digitalllearningday.org.

February 2nd – SELS *Picture This!* Workshop at Seward Memorial Library from 10:00 to 3:00. From 10:00 to 12:00, we'll talk about editing, storing and sharing digital photos (you are welcome to bring your own digital photos). In the afternoon, we'll cover Flickr and Nebraska Memories. See the flyer on page 5.

February 9th – CASTL Meeting at Auburn Memorial Library. Topics of conversation will be Nebraskard and the SELS Plan. Also, pick your favorite book published in 2011 to book talk, or read one of the top 5 picked by Heller McAlpin, a New York-based critic who reviews books regularly for NPR.org, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, The Christian Science Monitor, The San Francisco Chronicle and others. Heller recently selected five books from 2011 that rose to the top from the scores she reads throughout the year, as well as two that continue to enthrall: *The Sense of An Ending* by Julian Barnes; *There But For The* by Ali Smith; *Blue Nights* by Joan Didion; *The Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach; *Moby-Duck* by Donvan Hohn or Ann Patchett's *State of Wonder* or Yannick Murphy's *The Call*. Also on the agenda will be the round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

February 13th – Nebraska Public Library Survey due

February 13th – March 9th – Basic Skills – Organization of Library Materials. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html.

February 17th – SELS Board Meeting at Pawnee City Public Library

February 27th – NLA Legislative Day in Lincoln

March 1st – NEMA/SELS Workshop at Lincoln High. See page 9.

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March 4th – 10th – Teen Tech Week – Geek Out @ your library! This year's theme encourages libraries to throw open their physical and virtual doors to teens and showcase the outstanding technology they offer. Find more information and ideas for celebrating at: <http://teentechweek.ning.com/>.

March 13th - 17th – Public Library Association (PLA) Conference 2012 in Philadelphia: <http://placonference.org>.

March 16th – Freedom of Information Day – an annual event coordinated with the birthday of James Madison, who is widely regarded as the Father of the Constitution and a foremost advocate for openness in government, to promote public access to government information and the public's right to know.

March 19th – 30th – Basic Skills – Leadership. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html.

March 23rd – CASTL meeting at Crete Public Library. Come learn about Mango – an online language learning program with resources for ELL patrons and English speakers wishing to learn a foreign language. For this month's book talk read – *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai. There will also be a round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

March 27th – NAIL (Nebraska Association of Institutional Libraries) Meeting at the Lincoln Regional Center.

Cranestorm Project Needs Your Help

Press Release from the Brain Injury Association of Nebraska

The goal of Cranestorm is to fold and collect 36,000 origami cranes, one for every Nebraskan living with a disability due to brain injury. This is an excellent



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opportunity for students or groups to learn about brain injury while adding to our goal and doing something fun. Time is limited... the cranes must be in by February 28, 2012.

A crane folding event is a great project that can be tied to books such as *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr or *On Ancient Wings: The Sandhill Cranes of North America* by Michael Forsberg, among others.

The Brain Injury Association of Nebraska has more information regarding Cranestorm on its website: www.biane.org/cranes, including information on brain injury, a video on how to fold cranes and more. Call Cindy at 402-304-8103 if you would like posters or handouts or a guest folder (if possible).

Help us raise awareness and educate people about brain injuries.



PICTURE THIS!

A SELS WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 2ND @ SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Join SELS and learn how to preserve and share your digital photos.
Bring your own and practice while you learn!

10:00 TO 12:00:

Megan Boggs (Seward Memorial Library) — An opportunity for hands-on experience storing and sharing digital photos.

1:00 TO 2:00:

Scott Clark (Lincoln City Library) — Learn the basics of Flickr, the photo sharing website, including popular features for personal and professional use whether as a promotional, social networking and/or an archival tool.

2:00 TO 3:00:

Devra Dragos (Nebraska Library Commission) — Nebraska Memories is a project to digitize historical and cultural materials and make available online. Come find out more about this wonderful resource and how you might participate.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please enclose \$5. Registrations must be received by **January 27th.**

{News Around the System}

Sweet Treats at Fairmont Public Library

From Wanda Marget, Fairmont Public Library

Seventeen people gathered at Fairmont Public Library on Saturday, December 10th to craft gingerbread houses.

Gingerbread house building has been a Fairmont tradition for 18 years. The local Lions Club sponsors the event for the library.

Right: A gingerbread house complete with all the trimmings.



Computer Classes In Demand at the New Pawnee City Public Library

From Karen Richardson, Pawnee City Public Library

The Pawnee City Public Library's new facility features a modern computer lab, thanks to a BTOP grant. The lab is being used to introduce beginning computer users to the digital world. The free training began with adult computer classes in mid-November with Computer Basics classes, E-mail 101, and Using the Internet.

A variety of related courses, including Computer Security, Facebook 101, File Management and others are planned for next year.



Volunteers, Dorothy Willis (Pawnee City Library Foundation Board member), and Mary Moser, (Technology Specialist at the Pawnee City Public Schools) have taught more than thirty students to date. Two additional 'Basics' courses are fully enrolled for January 2012 and there is a waiting list for registration for some of the more advanced classes.

The community is responding very positively to the new library service!

While these classes were initially designed for senior citizens, others who want to improve their skills are signing up, too! The demand for these classes has been very high and three sessions of Computer Basics, two E-mail 101 courses, and one session of 'Using the Internet' have already met.



{News Around the System}

Plattsmouth News Briefs

From Plattsmouth Library

Plattsmouth Library has had a very busy December. Top Right: We had the grand reopening of our computer lab. Mayor Michael Bowman and library director Karen Mier cut the ribbon.

Bottom Left: Winner of our 3rd Annual Cookie Exchange, Sherie Moore, and her prize for the best cookie.

Bottom Right: Kirsten Wood, children's librarian, and Santa Claus at our holiday party. There were over 150 people in attendance.



Trimming the Tree in Fairbury

From Karen Fox, Fairbury Public Library

Fairbury Public Library participated in the second annual Festival of Trees held at Wally's Party Room in Fairbury. The library's entry this year showcased the variety of services available at the library. Our tree was decorated with AccuCut cutouts related to library offerings with a set of headphones as a tree topper.

Paper covered CDs advertised our upcoming BTOP grant computer open house on January 14th.



News and Notes



Mailing Free Matter for the Blind

Free matter can be a confusing topic. **A library can use free matter to mail large print books (14 pt. or larger) to an individual who is visually impaired.** A controversy arose some time ago regarding libraries (not necessarily in Nebraska) that attempted to use free matter to ship large print books to one another, for instance, as part of a bulk-loan program to enrich the receiving library's large print collection. **Because the direct recipient was someone other than a visually impaired individual, that practice drew scrutiny.** The interpretation of the Domestic Mail Manual varies somewhat from post office to post office; however, if the large print materials are being shipped to the home address of a visually impaired individual, or to a care facility, then free matter would be applicable.

Here is a link to a Factsheet offered by Library of Congress on free matter. <http://www.loc.gov/nls/reference/factsheets/mail.html>

You can also read the USPS Domestic Mail Manual, section 5.0 for more information.

<http://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/703.htm#1113979>

OverDrive Tips & Tricks

Do you participate in the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries group, but still have questions about the service? For example:

- Are you unsure how to find out if a title requested by a patron is available to purchase through OverDrive?
- Do you know how to help patrons identify OverDrive titles available for immediate checkout?
- Have you figured out how to set default checkout times?

- Do you know where to go to get OverDrive statistics for your board meeting?
- Do you have any other questions about the OverDrive search interface, the Content Reserve administrative module, or our group policies?

If so, join Susan Knisely and Devra Dragos on **January 11th at 2:00 PM** for an information webinar on search strategies and patron options for the OverDrive patron interface, as well as demonstrations of how to run various reports and research materials available to purchase through Content Reserve.

For more information and to register, go to <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=11035>

The session will be recorded for later viewing by people who could not attend the live session.

Tenth Annual Aldrich Foundation Short Story Contest

Original short stories by Nebraska authors are currently being accepted for the 2012 Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation's short story contest.

Story length should be 1,000-2,000 words (there is no minimum word requirement for the Intermediate category) and submissions should be written in the wholesome spirit displayed by Bess Streeter Aldrich in her works. No essays, please.

A list of books by the author which entrants can read to become familiar with her work is available on the Foundation's website, www.BessStreeterAldrich.org.

Prizes will be awarded at the annual Spring Banquet of the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation in April 2012. Cash prize amounts are: Adult: 1st

Prize \$100.00, 2nd Prize \$50.00, 3rd Prize \$25.00. High School (grades 9-12) and Middle School (grades 6-8): 1st Prize \$50.00, 2nd Prize \$25.00, 3rd Prize \$15.00. Intermediate School (grades 3-5): 1st Prize \$25.00, 2nd Prize \$15.00, 3rd Prize \$10.00.

Writers should send a cover sheet with their name, address, e-mail address, phone number, title of story, and two copies of the story, one with their name and one without. Please include a line telling how you learned about the contest. For students, add age, grade, school, and teacher's name to the cover sheet. Please enclose a SASE for return of contest results. Stories will not be returned. Families of Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation Board Members are not eligible.

The due date for submissions is the author's birthday, February 17, 2012 (postmark date). Send submissions to: Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation, P.O. Box 167, Elmwood, NE 68349. A complete list of rules can be found at www.BessStreeterAldrich.org

Attending ALA Midwinter?

[Cognotes](#) is looking for someone to write about the events they attend at ALA Midwinter in Dallas. Please email Deb Nerud Vernon if you are interested at dvernon@esu6.org.



SELS/NEMA Workshop

March 1, 2012

5:00 to 7:30 PM @ Lincoln High School
Media Center
2229 J Street, Lincoln

Join us for:

- 5:00-5:30 Light meal with time for networking and conversation
- 5:30-6:30 Carol Oltman, Certified Google Apps for Education Trainer from Beatrice High School, on Google
- 6:30-7:30 Scott Clark from Lincoln City Libraries on Flickr Basics and Beyond

Enclose \$10 registration fee (includes meal) for each attendee. Registration deadline is **Monday, February 24th**. Make checks payable to Southeast Library System.

Name: _____

School/Library: _____

E-Mail: _____

Send registration form to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505.

Young Love: YA Romances for Guys and Girls

From Booklist

From steamy vampire stories to realistic tales of first love gone wrong, we offer something for every reader in this free hour-long overview of the genre. You'll hear about past, present and future trends from well-known YA librarians Jennifer Hubert Swan and Angelina Benedetti, along with new teen romance titles from Egmont USA. Don't miss this program, moderated by Gillian Engberg, Booklist's Books for Youth Editorial



Director. Register online at: <http://bit.ly/rJYi7U>

YALSA Announces Award Finalists

From Stephanie Kuenn, YALSA

YALSA selected five books as finalists for the 2012 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults, which honors the best nonfiction books written for young adults between Nov. 1, 2010 and Oct. 31, 2011. YALSA will name the 2012 award winner at the Youth Media Awards on Jan. 23, during the American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting in Dallas.

The 2012 finalists are:

- ***Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom and Science*** written by Marc Aronson and Marina Budhos, published by Clarion Books, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
- ***Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition*** written by Karen Blumenthal, published by Flash Point/Roaring Brook Press, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.
- ***Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to***

Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way)

written by Sue Macy, published by National Geographic Children's Books.

- ***Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein*** written by Susan Goldman Rubin, published by Charlesbridge.
- ***The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, & Treachery*** written by Steve Sheinkin, published by Flash Point/Roaring Brook Press, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Annotations and more information on the finalists and the award can be found at www.ala.org/yalsa/nonfiction. YALSA sells finalist seals to librarians and publishers to place on books at www.alastore.ala.org. YALSA will host a reception honoring the finalist authors and the winner, as well as YALSA's Morris Award winner and finalists, at a free reception, 10:30 a.m. to noon on Jan. 23 in Omni Hotel in the Dallas E room.



Interested in more books for youth and teens? Do you need programming ideas and conversation starters to connect with youth in your community?

Voya (Voice of Youth Advocates) is available on the SELS routing list. Check it out!

Bureaucratic Nightmares? Don't Cry—CASTL's Here

Lola Seitz, director of the Pawnee City Public Library, hosted the December meeting of CASTL and treated us to a tour of their new library. They've done a great job with their new space and are seeing use of lots of library materials, the new computer lab and wonderful meeting room space. Bravo!

On the agenda at CASTL were two of our favorite government forms – the Bibliostat Public Library Survey and the E-rate forms for discounts on phone and internet.

Probably the best tips I can share with you on completing your Public Library Survey on Bibliostat are the ones shared by John Felton, Planning & Data Services Coordinator at Nebraska Library Commission, which are listed online at: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/stats/bibliostatcollect.aspx>. Just click on "Survey Tips for 2010-2011". One of the tips that you are bound to love is that John has tried to get more of the data prefilled to save you time. You'll find multiple fields with the information already in place. Another tip is to click on "Save" after completing each screen to insure that the data is not lost. In his list was also a reminder that after entering descriptions and amounts for "Other Revenue", the total is not calculated until you click on the red "Save" button. You'll find the full list of tips, as well as instructions, a blank copy of the survey, a FAQ and other help at the link listed above.

The Public Library Survey is an important piece of information for all public libraries to submit – no matter your size, no matter if you are accredited or not. Here's a note from



CASTL meetings are open to librarians of all types, library trustees and library friends or supporters. The meetings typically start at 10:00 a.m., and wrap up by 3:00 or 3:30. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and you are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day.

- January 13th - Geneva Public Library
- February 9th—Auburn Memorial Library
- March 23rd—Crete Public Library
- April 27th—Alice M. Farr library - Aurora
- June 1st—Seward Memorial Library

John Felton with his thoughts in encouraging you to submit your information which is due February 13, 2012:

"Some library directors seem to believe that if their library isn't going to qualify for accreditation, there is no need to complete the Public Libraries Survey. Or, they believe their library is just too small to matter. Actually, the annual survey is about much more than just meeting accreditation requirements and we need data from every library. During the past year, the results of the Public Libraries Survey were used by library directors and library trustees to make peer comparisons of such data as salaries, staffing levels, circulation, collection size, and budget allocations. This information was then used to advocate for improved library support in several Nebraska communities. The survey data was also used by private foundations and government agencies in making decisions about funding library grants and programs. Rating tools such as Hennen's American Public Library Ratings (HAPLR) and the LJ Index of Public Library Service use data from the federal compilation of state-by-state Public Libraries Survey results.

If you follow national news and the library press, you know that these are tough times for public libraries across the country. Library budgets are being slashed despite dramatic increases in library usage. One way to fight for library support is with information that documents how important libraries are to the quality of life in their communities. This information is gathered through the annual Public Libraries Survey."

Lastly we talked a bit about the forms filed for E-rate discounts on library phone and internet service. Nebraska libraries average between 60-70% discounts on eligible services. You can get the first form in the process, Form 470, filed now for discounts beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Form 470 must be filed by February 21st, 2012. I'd encourage you to get it completed before the end of January. Next up is Form 471 – which must be posted by March 20, 2012, and not before January 9th, 2012. Christa Burns is the contact at Nebraska Library Commission should you have questions, and has also provided some excellent help and tools on the website at: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/erate/index.aspx#recipients>.

You can also contact us at the SELS office for assistance and we'll do our best to help you work through and get things successfully submitted.

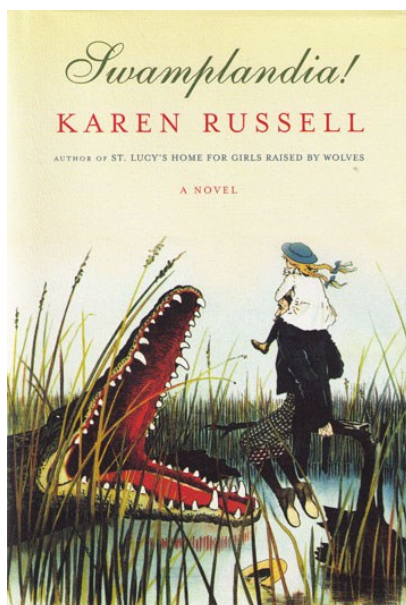
CASTL Wrap Up

Sowings, continued from front page

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Smart: Why You Have Too Many Friends on Facebook, Why Your Memory Is Mostly Fiction, and 46 Other Ways You're Deluding Yourself by David McRaney.

- *School Library Journal* has also just published its Best Books of 2011 with 65 selections. It's a great list of multiple genres and nonfiction for kids from preschool on up. Now, the longer the list, the tougher



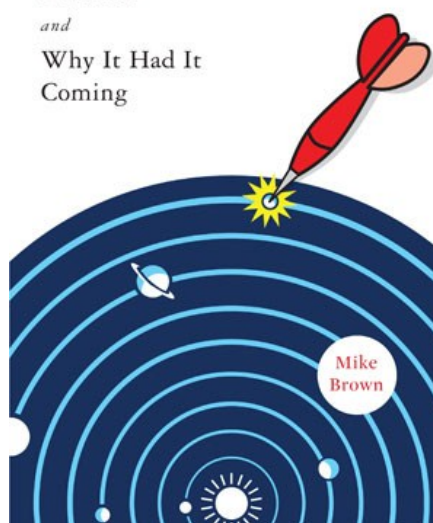
it is for me to highlight a few but here goes: *Inside Out & Back Again* by Thanhha Lai (fiction for grades 4-6); *White Crow* by Marcus Sedgwick (fiction for grade 9 Up); *Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart* (nonfiction for grades 4-7) and *Around the World* by Matt Phelan (a nonfiction graphic novel for grades 3-8). Now also in this same issue is *Best Adult Books 4 Teens* – which I'll admit is the type of list that often adds to my personal reading choices – such as: *Swamplandia!* By Karen Russell (fiction) and *The Homeland Directive* by Robert Venditti and Mike Huddleston (graphic novel), or in nonfiction – *How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming* by Mike Brown. Last item I'll note in this issue is SLJ's Top 10 2011 Apps by Daryl Grabarek, each of which “promise to amuse, entertain, educate, or challenge kids – even after repeated viewings.” Top on the list are titles by Touch Press – *Gems and Jewels*, *The Waste Land* and *March of the Dinosaurs*.

- NPR (National Public Radio) is another favorite resource for readers advisory. If you browse their website you'll find author interviews, bestseller list, book club choices, best picks for multiple genres and of course the option to listen to the audio. If

you go to their Best Books of 2011 lists, which they'll continue adding to throughout the holiday season, you'll find lists for youth, adults, choices from Nancy Pearl, cookbooks, conversation starters – you name it. Added to my reading list from my most recent trolling of the site are: *Elegies for the Brokenhearted* by Christie Hodgen (fiction); *The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater (YA fiction); *And So It Goes: Kurt Vonnegut – A Life* by Charles J. Shields (biography); and *The Sense Of An Ending* by Julian Barnes (fiction).

You can find Vicki Wood's Great Gift Books list on the Lincoln City Libraries website: www.lcl.lib.ne.us or contact the SELS office and we can e-mail you a copy. You can find School Library Journal's Best Books of 2011 at: www.schoollibraryjournal.com/slj/home/892764-312/sljs_best_books_2011.html.csp, or borrow the full issue from SELS and/or get on the routing list. And for books lists and ideas from NPR go to: www.npr.org/books/.

How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming



And, if your stack of books beside your favorite chair or on your bedside table is starting to overwhelm – what better excuse for taking the plunge and purchasing an eReader to load up with eBooks. If you've not already taken that plunge I will warn you – they're addictive, and since your pile of books to read now fits easily into

a device the size of a large wallet, you may find yourself actually enjoying long lines in the grocery store, as a chance to read one more chapter on your Nook. If you've not already taken that plunge and purchased an eReader, take a look at the article by Mario Armstrong – *How to Pick an Ereader This Holiday Season* – which you can find online at: <http://mashable.com/2011/12/13/ereader-guide/>.

SELS Board of Directors Meeting
OCTOBER 26, 2011
Fairmont Public Library
10:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Ruth Carlock (York College – Levitt Library); Scott Childers (UNL Libraries); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library – Nebraska City); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Carol Oltman (Beatrice High School); Hilary Sire (Barnes & Noble); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library – Aurora); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office – retired).

Also Present: Jen Barnason (SELS Administrative Assistant); Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Richard Miller (NLC).

Board Members Absent: Carolyn Bennett (Beatrice Public Library); Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners); Robin Sugden (Freeman Public Schools).

News around the system: Members shared what is happening in their worlds. It was mentioned Book Fair is Nov 26 @ Barnes and Noble.

Consent Agenda

July 26, 2011 Minutes

Barbara asked for any corrections to minutes? None.

Financial Report

Barbara asked for any corrections to financial report?

Barbara had one: under income 67,253.25 is corrected under total income.

Ruth Carlock moved to pass consent items. Carol Oltman seconded. Motion passed.

SELS Survey

We looked at survey results:

- Brenda had nice comments
- Jen highlighted comments of concern
- There were 55 responses.
- Much easier to read in google form
- Surprised how much people visit web site
 - Suggestion to get people to web site: Place something in web site, challenge others to find it, put name in for a prize.
- Academic libraries do not really feel that SELS helps them.
- Glenda Willnerd is not getting newsletter.
 - sign up for SELS e-mail mailing list through commission.

SELS PLAN 2011-012

- Implementation for 2011-12 SELS plan has not begun Barbara Hegr would like to pass as it is, and begin working on it. Becky Baker disagreed, commenting that it needs to be looked at continuously, to be worked on, check off, and to have changes made as needed for plan to be effective. There was discussion of plan.
- Carol Oltman made motion to make plan the SELS plan a working plan to be updated and looked at continuously. Becky seconded. Motion passed.
- The extravaganza is in the works. Date is set for May 17, 2012.

- It will cost \$60 to use labs, and we will have to use their food service.
- NEMA SELS March 1.
- All day workshop on tech tools in April - partner with NLA ITART.
- Youth services retreat – September 13-14.

Fiscal 2 : Service Role 1 : Consultation Topics

- CASTL conversations.
- basic skills online.
 - gut materials hidden and frustrating.
 - should have resources on line and available even when not in the course.
 - handy to be able to review.
- Mentor program to help new with real librarians.
- Brenda's phone isn't ringing as much.
- Bibliographic issues.
- Jen is trying to put more events on Google calendar to promote CE events.
- Jen made effort to add SELS activities to commissions training calendar.

Service Role 2 : Promotions:

- SELS Marketing/Promotion Committee met in August.
- Use Google calendar to promote
- The past few years SELS has invited senators to Dec. meeting
 - NLA Legislative day may be better day to concentrate efforts.
- Ideas from board is encouraged
 - use social media... Facebook..
 - Hilary contributes...creating events and giveaways on Facebook...
 - Annual promotion go in with awards during library week.
 - Front porch award. rocking chair award...let them know by surprise..
 - Hilary looked at welcome packet...
 - Letter from Jen and Brenda...reminder invitations when CASTL is in area

Administrator's Report (combined with SELS Plan discussion)

- Ban books talk on intellectual freedom
- Spent time getting books ordered for Neal Shustermann. Tour is going well.
 - There was some turmoil behind the scenes.
 - Some suggestions:
 - Grant was to be for rural north.
 - Use contract to protect NLC/Systems and author.
 - Barnes & Noble uses contracts, as does LPS
 - It would be nice to include the whole state and use each system.
 - Firm up details a year in advance.
 - A rep from each region could help to set it up.
 - Richard will take it back to the commission!
 - Final comment : If a job is done poorly, it reflects on all of us.

Management SELS Resources

- SELS Staff evaluations are done.
- e rate forms filed.
- Staff contracts completed.
- New info from staff provided for bonding.

- Completed first phase of remodeling:
 - Looks good.
 - Talked to Kent. He will get paint cards, and look for carpeting to match.
 - Moved lots of stuff in back office, everything removed was recycled...good will, etc.,
 - Glenda donated paint and her time to paint.
- Gary came in and worked on audit.
 - Personnel could be done a little differently.
 - He will help Jen with QuickBooks Pro and have yearend review by Dec. meeting.
- Brenda update
 - Brenda's computer is "fritzing".
 - Elected ALA counselor and first conference is ALA Midwinter in Dallas in January
 - NLA budgets for travel to conference (Midwinter & Annual)

SELS FRIENDS Report

upcoming book fair after Thanksgiving, Nov 26.

Nebraska Library Commission Report

- NCompass Live upcoming programs
- Shirley Kreutz Bennett Grants for Small-Town Libraries
- New Book Club Kits
- 2012 Basic Skills Schedule Available
- Local Wonders Programming
- 21st Century Librarian Scholarships
- 2012 Finalists for One Book One Nebraska
- Database Roadshows
- ALA Building Common Ground grants

Committee Meetings

Met to discuss activities and pertinent topics.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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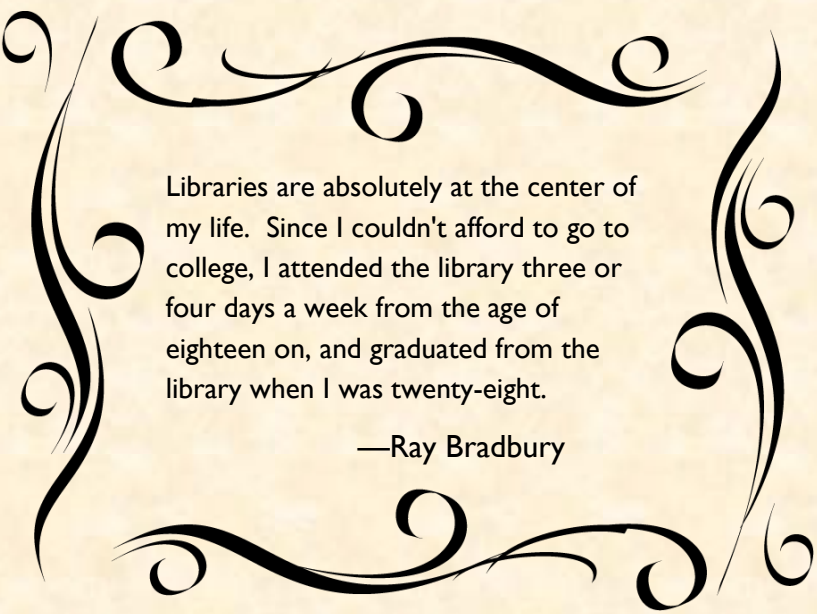
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—Ray Bradbury

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